

The Bethel News.

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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1904.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

SEPARATE

SKIRTS.

The Spring styles in Dress Skirts are very neat and dressy. There is quite a lot of trimming used of many kinds. Some of the goods are Voiles, Venetian, Broadcloth, and Etamine-Cheviot. Many new styles in dress and walking lengths.

ONE LOT of Broadcloth, black, seven gored, four bands of Taffeta around the bottom, bands running up to a point on every seam, unlined, \$5.00

ONE LOT of Broadcloth, black, nine gored, front breadth and yoke, all one piece, Taffeta piped, three folds of goods around hips and bottom; very neat, \$5.98

ONE LOT of Etamine-Cheviot, black, and blue, eleven gored, each seam Taffeta piped, buttons, a neat and dressy skirt, \$6.98

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New Spring Styles Just opened.

ONE LOT of black Peau-de-cygne, a soft heavy silk, durable, two clusters of tucks in back, five tucks on sleeves, front tucked and hemstitched, very neat, \$5.00

ONE LOT Crepe-de-chine, three clusters of fine tucks in back, fine tucks on sleeves, front with fine tucks and black lace and insertion. These are in black, white, blue and corn color, \$5.00

Several New Styles in WHITE MUSLIN.

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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Sheriff Bird of Bryant Pond, was in town last week.

Master Ralph Young is visiting relatives in Norway.

Mr. Copeland is in the western part of Oxford county.

Mrs. Mabel Jacques is in Boston this week studying styles.

Miss Battie Foster is still confined to her home by illness.

Miss Lillian Stearns spent Friday and Saturday in Portland.

Mrs. Roxanna Bean has returned to her home on Mechanic St.

Mr. Seth Walker has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Metcalf, in Farmington.

The W. O. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Ira Jordan Tuesday afternoon, April 5.

Miss Lydia Packard of Dixfield, is the guest of Mrs. Sarah Putnam at The Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Potter went to Rumford Falls, Tuesday, to attend conference.

Miss Mona Martin who has been ill since Sunday, is improving, but is not yet able to sit up.

Hilda and Marjorie Chandler of South Paris, are spending a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

The friends of Wesley K. Woodbury of Pottsville, Penn., will learn with regret that his son Robert is suffering from typhoid fever.

Miss Alice Billings has been quite ill for several days, and is still confined to her room, with but little improvement in her condition.

The mills of I. S. Morrill are now doing a good amount of sawing. He has more lumber on hand than at any time since his connection with this property.

Master Wendell Philbrook of Greene, was in town the first of the week en route to Grafton to spend two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis.

P. Lowe lost a valuable horse last week. She was injured while hauling wood from his camp to West Bethel station, so it was found necessary to kill her.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. C. Billings Thursday afternoon. The roll-call will be answered by conundrums, and each member will please add some items of interest clipped from the papers, to be deposited in the "chip basket" and read.

Mr. E. C. Twitchell of Boston, made a flying trip to Bethel last week, remaining but one day. He remained long enough, however, to call on several old-time friends and drop into the News office and advance his subscription about three years. We are always glad to meet Mr. Twitchell, as he is one of those men, of whom there are far too few, who carry life and sunshine with them wherever they go. He has not been in Bethel before for nearly three years.

The Easter program at the Universalist church will begin Sunday morning at 6.30, when the Y. P. C. U. will hold their annual sunrise meeting to which the members of the neighboring churches have been cordially invited. The subject is "Easter Thoughts." The subject for the preaching service at 10.45 is "Immortality." Following the sermon the communion service will be observed. A concert by the Sunday school and choir will begin at 7.30 p. m. The public are cordially invited to all services.

Easter services will be held at the Congregational church next Sunday. An Easter sermon; topic, "The Universal Scope of the Resurrection Blessing." As a part of the music, an "Ave Maria," with words composed by the pastor will be sung. At seven o'clock the Christian Endeavor meeting will be an Easter service with parts by some members of the Sunday school. This is also communion, Sunday and on this Easter communion all members of the church who can possibly be present are urged to come.

Mrs. Martin Stowell is on the sick list.

Mrs. C. O. Foster was in Portland Saturday.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Portland Thursday.

Mr. W. J. Wheeler of So. Paris, was in town last week.

Mrs. Eugene Prescott spent part of last week in Norway.

Mr. J. S. Allen of Newry Corner, was in Bethel, Monday.

Mr. R. W. Chamberlin of Portland, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Ella Carter is suffering from a severe throat trouble.

W. B. Baker commenced work at Morrill's mill Monday morning.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Harry Jordan.

E. C. Bowler went to Montreal Sunday night, returning Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Baker spent Sunday with her mother on Church street.

Mr. P. Lowe and family have returned from camp to their home on High street.

Mrs. Clara Ridlon of West Paris, spent a few days with Mrs. W. E. Abbott recently.

Miss Susan B. Twitchell is at home after a few weeks spent in Worcester, Mass.

Miss Mina Tyler of West Bethel, spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Erva Bartlett.

Mr. Austin Wheeler will erect a new house this spring, upon his lot on Chapman street.

Mrs. O. M. Mason is spending a week with her daughter, Miss Alice Mason, of Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. C. L. Davis is still gaining, and we hope when the snow is gone to see her out again.

Mrs. Lewis Young and daughter of Sherbrooke, P. Q., are visiting her father, Mr. Chas. Pool.

Miss Addie Horr spent the past week at East Bethel with her friend, Miss Hester Kimball.

Ebenezer Richardson has moved the old engine house from High street to his place on Church street.

Mrs. G. P. Bean was called to Milan, N. H., Tuesday, by the illness of her sister, Miss Annie Cross.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gehring will sail, April 12, for England, where they go for a rest of about six weeks.

Geo. Fernald has purchased the Coburn shoe shop on High street and had it moved to his home on Paradise.

Letters for the following are advertised at the postoffice:

Mr. H. E. Russ.

Ralph Smith.

Mr. Chas. R. Smith.

Mr. Horace Porter who spent several months in Bethel a few seasons ago for his health, has purchased a farm at Bennington, N. H. His health is much improved within the past year.

Mr. Hannibal Grover of West Bethel, was in the village Saturday with hulled corn. He usually comes with the robins, and this season is no exception.

Constable E. C. Barker wishes the News to say that he is no longer turnkey at Bethel lock-up. Please don't send any more "weary Willies" to him to care for.

Mr. A. W. Bean and wife who have had charge of the town farm for several years, will soon move to the Bean farm near East Bethel which they recently purchased.

There will be a special meeting at the Methodist church next Sunday evening by the Epworth League and Ladies' Missionary society. A musical program will be rendered.

Prin. E. H. Pratt of Oxford, spent Saturday and Sunday in town. Mrs. Pratt and little son are spending a few weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grover.

Mr. George Hall, engineer at the chair factory, has given up his position which will be filled by Mr. Fred Heath of Gilead. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will return to their former home at East Hardwick, Vt.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

Special display of Ready-to-wear hats at L. M. Stearns', Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2.

Sweet potatoes and new onions still on sale at R. E. L. Farwell's.

Veils of all styles for these spring days at E. E. Burnham's.

See an extra Copley Print of Miss Ethel Wright's very choice painting, "Easter Offerings," in Miss Hall's show window. This will make a nice Easter gift.

Muslin bonnets for the babies at L. M. Stearns'.

Sixteen oranges and everyone sweet and nice, for twenty-five cents, at R. E. L. Farwell's.

Miss Burnham has a full line of Silk and Cotton Draperies.

Miss Margaret Jameson of Cornish is employed as stenographer in the law office of Herrick & Park.

Miss Lillian Norton of Gould's Academy, attended a reunion of her class, Bates college, 1903, at New Meadows Inn, Saturday, and spent Sunday at her home in Lewiston.

Mr. George Barrett and wife of Portland, spent Sunday with his father who has been confined to the house for several weeks with a complication of diseases.

A number of Miss Belle Purington's friends spent a very pleasant evening at Finch with her recently; a dainty treat of fruit and homemade candy was served during the evening.

"Apple day," Sept. 27, at St. Louis, has raised some discussion through this section of the country among apple growers who are unanimous in the opinion that this date is too early for apples from this section. The State of Maine apples are the best in the world, but the winter fruit is not ready for picking, at that date.

Mr. Charles Pool has sold his place on the Grover Hill road to Mr. Daniel Glines who will move into the house as soon as Mr. Pool can vacate it. Mr. Pool will have an auction sale of household furniture at the place on Thursday, April 7, at 10 a. m. When he has disposed of his furniture he will remove to Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Notice for Republican Caucus.

A Republican Caucus will be held at the lock-up in Bethel village, in the town of Bethel on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following business:

First—To choose a chairman of the meeting.

Second—To elect three delegates to attend the State Convention at Portland on Thursday, April 14, 1904, at 1.30 o'clock p. m.

Third—To elect three delegates to attend the Second District Republican Convention to be held at Lewiston, Maine, on Wednesday, April 13, 1904, at 1.30 p. m.

Dated at Bethel this 28th day of March, A. D., 1904.

Per order Republican Town Committee.

ELMER C. PARK, Chairman

J. U. PURINGTON, Secretary.

Christian Endeavor Free Social, Wednesday Evening, March 30, at Garland Chapel.

The committee upon social entertainment have arranged a program for the pleasure of all who will come and spend an evening with the pastor and Christian Endeavor members.

Mrs. Williamson and Miss Weed will give piano solos, Miss Clark will render a clever monologue, Mr. Samuel Bowles of Springfield, Mass., will give a character sketch in costume, and Mr. Bartlett Williamson's graphophone with a new set of cylinders will bring the outside world of amusement close to us.

The committee extends a cordial greeting to the village people without further special invitation.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

Harry Purlington, Bethel, 4398

Lyman Wheeler, Bethel, 2601

Gottard Carlson, Bethel, 2363

Miss Ethel Allen, West Bethel, 2209

NEWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor called at A. H. Powers' last Sunday. Mr. Taylor is still hauling timber to the mill although one of his men has gone to Berlin, N. H., for a few days.

Mrs. Taylor's mother has, with her son Adelbert Pennock and bride, gone to their home at Magalloway.

Mrs. W. F. Small will spend Easter with relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Austin Powers is at work for Mrs. Erastus Thompson in Grafton.

Don Smith is hauling hay to Bert Paine's, North Newry.

John Allen is hauling his potatoes to Bethel.

Mrs. Levi Butters and two children have returned from a visit to relatives at Lovell.

Mr. Jacob Paine is visiting his daughter Mrs. A. E. Bailey.

The first woodchuck seen here, was at Fred Taylor's last Sunday morning and the first skunk, Sunday night, at A. H. Powers'. It is needless to add everyone is glad to see the signs of coming summer even in that form.

Bert Brown and Lee Thurston went to Hanover after a load of hay last week.

Mill President Got Skinned.

Mr. President of a cotton-mill at Union, S. C.,—he don't want to see his name in print—had two offers of 500 gallons of paint: \$1.30 and \$1.25. Took the \$1.25; and got skinned. He'd have got three-quarters skinned if he'd taken the other.

The \$1.30 was full-gallon; the \$1.25 was 18% short. The full-measure paint was adulterated 40%; the short-measure paint was adulterated 45%, besides benzine in the oil, don't know how much.

Devos lead-and-zinc wasn't sold in the town then.

It don't pay to monkey with paint.

Devos costs less than any of 'em; not by the gallon, of course; by the house and year. That's how to reckon it. Go by the name.

G. R. WILEY.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Mrs. Carter Grover is somewhat improved in health; she has been suffering from a cold.

Bessie Grover returned to her home Wednesday on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Fred McKee of East Stoneham.

Amos Barnett called here recently on his way to East Stoneham to attend the funeral of his cousin Mrs. Bertha (Grover) McKee.

Mrs. Brice Kimball is rather poorly this spring.

Lauren Lord has finished work for Sumner Bean.

Olla Emery has finished work for Eben Barker.

Eva Andrews is at home for a while.

Ellsworth Wilbur was in Lewiston recently.

Mr. Wellington Bird of Bryant's Pond was in town Sunday.

The Oregon Medicine Company came here from East Waterford and have been giving shows every evening during the last week and had their medicines on sale at all hours, day, and evening. In spite of the unsettled state of the roads there was a very good attendance. The entertainment is very amusing and some of it instructive, well worth the admission fee charged. Myrtle Irene Beckler aged two years drew the prize, a child's silver table service. An attractive feature was the social dances held after the entertainments. They go from here to West Bethel, Gilead and Shelburne, then Grover's Corner will subside into its normal condition of quiet, until something else comes our way.

Levi Butters of Newry was in this vicinity Sunday.

Miss Estella Bean entertains the next L. E. T. Club.

The people of the Oregon Medicine Company who have been boarding at W. I. Beckler's left for West Bethel, Monday.

Tilson Burke and family, Elliot Rich and wife also several others were at the town house Saturday evening.

Smoked Glasses

At this season of the year it is a great protection to the eyes to wear Smoked Glasses. Should you need a pair, my stock is large and varied, 25 cents to 35 cents.

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It is without a parallel as a general and special tonic in all cases of debility. It meets more conditions of the invalid than any other ever produced. It is made from a specially prepared article by one of the foremost chemists of the age. As a Heart and Nerve Tonic it is without an equal.

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I hereby certify that I have personally used the French Bordeaux Cordial for which Mr. H. D. Leonard of Gardiner is agent. As a stomach remedy, to stimulate an appetite and promote digestion it must rank as one of the most efficient remedies yet known. It has a tonic effect upon the general system, increases the circulation, and materially builds up the whole body by its reconstructive power to one who feels debilitated, when taken according to directions, it seems to have immediate effect and creates a feeling of exhilaration that is more permanent than from any remedy I have ever used.

W. P. GIDDINGS, M. D.
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On Sale at WILEY'S DRUG STORE.

Candidate for Sheriff.

It may be authentically announced that the name of Deputy Sheriff Harris L. Elliott will be presented at the next Republican county convention as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Oxford county. Mr. Elliott has not aggressively sought to bring himself into the field as a candidate, but yields to the insistent pressure of his many friends and of prominent Republicans in all sections of Oxford county.

Mr. Elliott is a native of Rumford and is thirty-three years of age. He has had five years' experience as a deputy sheriff, having been first appointed by James R. Tucker in January, 1899. He has made one of the most zealous, efficient and effective officers that Oxford county has ever had. He has been especially active and extremely successful in his war upon the rum shop and violators of Maine's prohibitory law. Of his activity and success as criminal prosecuting officer there is no need to speak at length. The dockets of the courts contain the history of the many cases he has brought to successful issue, and to these reference may be had. His qualifications as a civil officer may be dismissed with this brief statement, that there is no better civil officer in the county of Oxford.

When a man asks you how old you think he is, guess at least fifteen years younger than you are absolutely positive he can't help being, and you have gained a friend for life.

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Attorney-at-Law,
Frye office. Bethel, Me.

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Pension Attorney,
28 Main St., BETHEL, MAINE.
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DR. GARDINER L. STURDIVANT,
Physician & Surgeon,
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DR. L. H. WIGHT,
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Time Table in Effect Oct. 4, 1903.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30
Gorham,	4.00	8.20
Gilead,	4.25	8.38
West Bethel,	4.38	8.47
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53
Lockes Mills,	9.00	4.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05
South Paris,	5.36	9.30
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	3.15	1.30
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30
South Paris,	10.00	3.38
Bryant Pond,	10.28	4.15
Lockes Mills,	10.35	4.18
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42
Gilead,	11.05	4.54
Gorham,	11.30	5.20
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50
Montreal,	6.50	7.20
Toronto,	7.15	7.40
Chicago,	8.45	7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M.,
East and 9.37 P. M., West, runs every
day; all others every day except Sunday.
Sunday paper train leaves Portland at
7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M.,
and at Berlin, 12.15 P. M. Returning
leaves Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel 5.05
P. M.

REDUCED FARES

Until April 30th, 1904.

Colonist Fares from Bethel to
Vancouver, San Francisco, Los
Angeles, Seattle, Portland,
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THE
WEB OF
FATE

Or, A Revolutionary Scout

By BYRON DOWLING

CHAPTER VI.
THE RENDEZVOUS OF FREEDOM'S SONS.

The sharpshooters! When the future historian of the Revolutionary struggle shall attempt to analyze the origins of the various classes of citizens who took up arms in defence of their liberties, it will be a hard matter to decide whether Celtic, or Saxon, or Indian blood was predominant in the veins of these hardy backwoods-men. Scenery, like locality, goes some length in the formation of human character, and these hardy pioneers, reared among rugged hills, naturally acquired a wildness of moral temperament from the savage wilds around them. They regarded the refinements of civilization with contempt, but every man owned a good rifle, which he could use with death-dealing accuracy. The undefined nature of their territorial possessions, their implacable hostility to all laws, and their neighborhood to the revengeful Cherokees, were calculated to foster martial spirit. No alarm, however sudden or unexpected, could find them unprepared for prompt action. Indeed, their whole lives had been so much preparation for that free development of strength, action and endurance, so desirable for a corps destined to harass the regularly disciplined warriors of the crown.

The rendezvous of this Spartan band was in the heart of a forest, which was filled with underbrush to such an extent that it was impervious to man or beast, save through a narrow trail. Even this led over a swamp in such a circuitous route that none but the initiated could find the stepping-stones. Those, however, who could enter the maze were somewhat astonished (as Rupert Loudon was) to find in the wood an open area. It had originally been used by the Cherokees as a cornfield, and was now covered with a grassy carpet, forming a fine parade ground.

At the edge of the field which Rupert first approached, was the commissary of the force which he was destined to command. A huge wood fire burned smoulderingly in the bright daylight, and was surrounded by the negroes, who had followed their masters to camp, busily engaged in preparing the noonday dinner. One was turning a wooden spit, resting upon two forked sticks driven into the ground before the fire, and sustaining two savory haunches of venison. Another sable epicurean was baking corn-bread in thin cakes upon boards, kept at that exact distance from the hot coals, which made them crisp without burning them into carbon. Nor were two others less diligently employed in slicing potatoes into a large kettle, while a quantity of okra vines and onion skins around their feet afforded some proof that a regal "gumbo soup"—the Southern rival of chowder—was being prepared.

On the opposite side of the field was a row of rude huts, formed of saplings set up in the ground at such an angle that their tops met. They were interwoven with young birches, and then so covered with small boughs as to shed rain like a roof. In some of these men lay asleep on beds of hemlock boughs, or sat busily engaged in cleaning their rifles. But the larger portion of the force was congregated around a huge stump at one side of the field, watching the exciting game of "faro," in which a few were deeply engaged.

They were, generally speaking, a spare and sinewy set, without an ounce of superfluous flesh, but with muscles like iron, and limbs as elastic as steel. No razor had polluted a few of the weather-bronzed countenances, yet there was not one upon which contempt of danger and reckless daring was not legibly written. But while almost every form might have been cited as an example of the highest perfection of hardness to which the human frame can be brought by endurance of hardship, the costumes were anything but uniform or elegant.

Their caps were of martin-skills, with the tails of the animals hanging behind, and at the left side of each was a buck-tail, worn as a plume. Blue linsey-woolsey hunting-shirts, of various shades as well as patterns, were belted around the waists of the wearers with wampum girdles, and some were gaily decked with fringe, or with Indian embroidery. Deerskin leggings and moccasins were worn by all, while from nearly every left shoulder a green cord crossed the body, sustaining a powder horn, or, in some cases, a powder horn, or, in some cases, a powder horn.

Many had chargers, neatly carved out of the tooth of some wild animal, attached to their powder-horns; others wore the rich Indian pouches, daintily embroidered in bead-work. One old hunter carried a glittering tomahawk in his belt—a trophy taken from a Creek Indian, whom he had killed in a desperate encounter. "Boys!" shouted Adjutant Lydston, as they approached the cardplayers, "Attention! Here's Major Loudon, our commander!"

In an instant every occupation was suspended, and the new leader was

surrounded by his entire force—officers, privates and musicians, each anxious to have a glance at him. Foremost in the throng was an old hunter who acted as orderly sergeant to one of the companies, and now gazed at the major with deliberate curiosity, his comrades seemed waiting his verdict. At last his survey was apparently finished. Advancing, he proffered a drinking-flask, saying:

"We're right glad to see you, major, for we begun to be afraid you'd gin out like some of these milk-and-water wings. You'll find us a rough set, quick on trigger, but true as steel. Will you take a drink?"

Before saying a word in reply, Rupert took the flask (which he found was nearly empty), and holding it at arm's length above his head, he so poised it that the fiery contents slowly trickled into his mouth, as if he wished to make the pleasure of the draught as prolonged as possible. Then, with a satisfied smack of the lips, he returned the flask to its owner, coolly remarking:

"I never thank any one for liquor until I have tasted it. Yours, sergeant, is the genuine peach-bloom, and I hope it's not the last you'll offer me, while we do duty together."

"Who-o-o-p!" shouted the sergeant, whose heart was completely won by this unexpected cordiality. "He's one of us, boys, if he does wear store-cloth. None of your stuck-uppers, but able to drink with a fellow, if he has a right to order him about. Now, boys, three cheers for the major!"

The old man's will was law among the sharpshooters, so all joined in hearty cheers, and then there were cries of "Speech! Speech!"

"Fellow soldiers!" commenced Rupert, but Adjutant Lydston interrupted him: "Come to the stump, major, so that we can see while we listen."

In a few moments, Rupert had ascended a primitive rostrum, the remains of a giant tree, and resumed his remarks:

"Fellow soldiers! It is not my intention to make a speech, but I must express my thanks for this cordial reception. After our first engagement, you will be able to judge of my ability to command, and I will be able to judge of your willingness to submit to discipline. Now I wish to shake hands with every one of you, and then we'll go to work."

When the echoes of the prolonged cheering with which this pertinent speech was received had died away, Adjutant Lydston was introducing his commander. The presentation over, he was shown his quarters, a large bower, where the officers met him, to make their reports. He found that there was no lack of men but, many of them were unarmed, nor was there any ammunition.

"How can we obtain rifles and powder?" he inquired.

"O," replied Adjutant Lydston, "we have left that to Danforth. No fear but what he'll make all right."

"What," asked Rupert, "the strange-looking genius I met at the 'Stronghold'?"

"The same. He's a Yankee by birth, and as smart as a fox-trap. So count upon the shooting-irons and the powder."

Before night, Rupert had arranged all the details of his command, who managed to get through the dress-parade very creditably at sunset. Just as the companies were marching off the line, a shout was heard, and a horseman rode out from the wood. Approaching the group of officers, he paid them the military salute, saying:

"Major Loudon, I am glad to find you in command."

"I'll the nasal twang had vanished, and Rupert was still more surprised when one of the captains remarked:

"Well, quartermaster, we are e'en almost ready for the rifles."

"And they wait your pleasure. If Major Loudon will give me sixty men, unarmed and unequipped, they shall return within four days, each one carrying a rifle, a full flask of powder, lead a plenty, and new shoes."

Loud applause greeted this assertion, during which Danforth handed Rupert a letter. It was a requisition for men, to enable the bearer, at any time, to perform his duties as quartermaster.

"Major Loudon is doubtless surprised; but I assure you, sir, that I have the independence of these colonies as deeply at heart, and will at any time resort to an innocent subterfuge in order to advance the good cause."

"Nay, nay, quartermaster," replied the major, in a pleasant tone. "I intended no harm, but I will admit that your changed deportment rather staggered me."

"Get out, yeon!" twanged the Yankee; and then, drawing himself up, he continued in his usual tone of voice: "As to the arms, major, I have an order for them from Captain Trevor."

"Captain Trevor! But he's a Tory?"

"So much the better, sir. Is it not well to fight them with their own weapons?"

"But where are there rifles?"

"In the Augusta arsenal, major. But we'll, soon have them here. When I signed the bond for their safe keeping, I did not say on which side they were to be used. But excuse me. I have a message for Adjutant Lydston, and as it is from a lady, no time must be lost before its delivery."

This came like a damper upon Rupert's hopes, for he felt certain that the message was from Aurora Maxwell. But he had little time for thought, for the bugle summoned him to the evening repast, equivalent to a dinner. It was served on the ground, between two trenches, in which the men put their feet, and many an epicure's mouth would have watered at the game and roasted sweet potatoes

profusely provided.

Fire the meal was finished, it was

dark, and when Rupert left the eating-bower (which was lighted by torches of resinous wood), he found himself in a scene of singular beauty. The leafy bowers were lighted up, and the groups seated around the watch-fires were suffused with one ruddy glow, forming a nocturnal pageant. At one fire, Sergeant Fournay was recounting his bear-fights with complacent self-satisfaction. Cards were evidently a favorite amusement, while others, in excellent humor, were engaged in athletic sports. At length, the murmur grew fainter, the fires grew dim, and the different parties retired to their shelters. Adjutant Lydston and Quartermaster Danforth shared the bower of the major, who could but inwardly sigh as he witnessed the excellent spirits of his supposed rival.

What playthings of fortune we all are! How often do the events of a moment change the whole current of a human existence, rendering tenants of a heart feelings and emotions previously strangers, and expelling those heretofore most deeply rooted. The form of Aurora Maxwell was ever before Rupert, and he felt that she was associated with his very being. Yet she was evidently another's—another had evidently won her affections. The thought was maddening, and, rising, he went out into the open air.

It was very dark, for heavy clouds veiled the heavens, and soon the storm began. Rupert was at that moment near the arbor used as a guard-tent, into which he stepped, greatly to the satisfaction of Sergeant Fournay. The scene was sublime. Vivid flashes of lightning often revealed the dark scenery around, making the watch-fires look pale. Then would follow loud peals of thunder, echoing and re-echoing through the distant mountains, as if their lofty peaks trembled in terror.

All at once, there was a portentous crash, and a wild cry of agony, as if the spirits of earth were responding to the spirits of heaven. Then, riding over the fury of the storm, was heard the voice of Danforth:

"Turn out! Turn out! The major's carried off, dead or alive, and the adjutant has been stabbed!"

This startling announcement of Danforth brought the entire force to the headquarters, regardless of the storm. Just then the clouds dispersed, and suddenly the night put on a smile of so ineffable a beauty, that no words could adequately describe that sweet and calm effulgence. The appearance of Rupert dissipated a portion of the consternation caused by the alarm, but the adjutant had been wounded by some would-be assassin. Luckily, he had sustained no serious injury, but could give no idea as to the person or motives of his assailant. The sharp steel had awakened him from a sound slumber, and all that he remembered was that he saw a dark form glide from the bower.

Medical diplomas were rare in the back-country in those days, but every "sharpshooter" was skilled in the use of such remedies as the laboratory of nature afforded. Old Sergeant Jones (whose flask Rupert had emptied) examined the wound, and a loud cheer followed his decision, that "Flesh soon heals—no cord's touched—now for some mullen leaves, some on you, and to-morrow it'll begin to heal."

The excitement, however, did not abate, for no crime is held in greater abhorrence by sturdy sons of the forest than assassination—so cowardly and so malicious. Neither was it difficult to read in the compressed glances of the different individuals, a stern desire to have the perpetrator punished. But who could it be? The adjutant was so universally respected, that no one could for an instant entertain the idea that one of the sharpshooters had committed the crime. Neither was it believed possible that any one could have passed the guards, penetrated into the very heart of the encampment, and then have escaped unnoticed. Indeed, the lovers of the marvelous asserted that nothing short of a supernatural agency could have inflicted the wound.

"Look a here," at last exclaimed one of a group near the wounded man, "I'll lay a pint of whiskey it's an Indian that's done it. Emathia was over at the falls yesterday, and perhaps the old chap had a grudge against the adjutant."

"Sure enough!" said another. "I know'd no white man could have got in here. 'Twas a red-skin."

"Hunt him up!" "Pay him off!" "We'll find him!" With similar exclamations resounded on all sides, but Sergeant Jones silenced them with an authoritative wave of his hand.

"Hold your fire, boys," he growled out. "I know the redskins better than you do—you all know I do—and I tell you none of 'em made this wound. They'll jump at a man in the woods, as a 'coon lights on a young chicken, but they never come in a place like this."

"But who did it?"

A shade came over the old man's brow, as he glanced around, but he passed away as his eyes fell upon some one whom he perhaps suspected, as a spring cloud vanishes before the morning sun.

"I can tell ye all one thing," said he. "What!" exclaimed at least a dozen voices.

"I didn't do it. Now move away, and let the fresh air blow, for I am afraid the adjutant will have a fever. That's all the danger!"

A merry peal of laughter greeted this non-committal declaration, but it was suddenly checked, and as the group separated many a threat was heard muttered. It would have fared ill with the assassin had he been known, and in the hands of that hardy band.

Rupert Loudon was probably more perplexed than any one present, and remained sitting by Lydston's side,

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Listening attentively to every suggestion as to the supposed culprit. All at once the thought flashed over his mind that perhaps the deadly blow was intended for himself! Horrible idea! It was heart-sickening to think that at the very outset of his career he had been the prey of the assassin, and for what? Rapidly did his thoughts journey in quest of some object upon which he could ground a suspicion, but his guiltless conscience searched in vain. He was a foreigner, a stranger, but his cordial reception assured him that there could be no jealousy on that score. At last, incapable of finding a clue, of conjecturing an explanation, or of forming an opinion, he sat motionless with an air of puzzled bewilderment.

Danforth, on the contrary, was nervously excited in his eagerness to discover the perpetrator of the crime. Moving rapidly from group to group, he mingled in the conversation, his eyes flashing with rage, in the hope of ascertaining something upon which to base suspicion. At last he stopped before a small hut next that where the crime had been committed. It was occupied by the musicians of the battalion, two of whom sat before it, discussing the all-engrossing topic.

One of them, whose position was shown by the bugle strapped to his back, merits a passing word of description, although his personal appearance was anything but prepossessing. He was short and strongly built, with red hair, a freckled face, small gray eyes, and a countenance bearing the stamp of a low malicious disposition. Never was the face a truer index to the heart, than was the countenance of Sandy McGregor, an exponent of his vagrant recklessness, insolence and cunning. A deserter from the British, he had been enlisted by Danforth solely on account of his musical abilities, but it required many a stirring tune from his bugle to atone for his frequent quarrels, his neglect of duty, and his apparent delight in mischief making.

"Well, Sandy," asked Mr. Quartermaster, "what think you of this knifing business?"

"I'm no thinking much, Mr. Quartermaster," was the reply, "but I have just wondered where this new major did keep himself."

"And I'm thinking, you rascal, that a touch of stirrup-leather will do you good," angrily responded Danforth.

Warm blood gleamed in the young bugler's face, but he replied in a humble tone: "Now, quartermaster, I meaned no harm. Our new major's a proper Scotchman, and I would no for the world say aught unbecoming of him."

"You had better not," tartly answered Danforth. "And now, as it is near daylight, sound the reveille for your troop. You will not parade with it, though, for you might fall into the hands of those who know how to punish deserters."

Returning to the wounded man, Danforth found him in a refreshing sleep, while Rupert sat absorbed in thought, and started when he was addressed.

"Major," said Danforth, "I must take away about two-thirds of the sharpshooters for three or four days. You think this strange, perhaps, but I must go to Augusta for arms."

"What," interrupted Rupert, "from the British arsenal?"

"Exactly."

"That must be left to me, for various reasons, none of them compromising yourself or the continental cause. Indeed, you have not as yet taken command, and so I must request you to defer the ceremony for a few days, while I equip the force."

"Well," replied Rupert with a smile, "I am but a novice in these matters,

and you are really in command now. So do as you think best."

"Good," exclaimed Danforth. "We will leave a guard under Sergeant Jones, and should by any chance a stronger party of Tories pass this way, he will either help you to whip them, or pilot you to a hiding place near the falls."

An hour afterwards, Danforth left at the head of his posse of men, all unarmed, and apparently undisciplined. Alone with the wounded adjutant, Rupert's ardent spirit sought occupation in the fairy land of imagination, and many were his day-dreams of love, with Aurora as their bright star. His soul turned toward the "Stronghold," as the source from whence his future happiness must come, and in the afternoon, guided by a fascinating infatuation, he mounted his horse. Exercise was his excuse to the adjutant, but he took with him one of the men as a guide and retraced the path over which he had come from the scene of his enchantment.

(To be continued.)

Keep Home Serene. Many sensitive little ones are under a heavy strain of the burden of home affairs. They are permitted to hear the family discussions and disagreements because they are supposed not to understand. Perhaps they do not understand the subject under discussion, but they feel the trouble keenly in the unpleasant change in the home atmosphere, and often worry over it and try to adjust it to suit the baby fancy. Here again "Mother's eyes are baby's skies."

Until a child is old enough to consult in family affairs he is best kept in ignorance of all family jars or worriments. His own little life and its immediate surroundings are enough to fill any child's mind to its fullest capacity, and no care is too great for the all-important work of keeping those first impressions sweet and true, for upon them the whole character has its foundation.

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WOMEN VERSUS MEN

Comparative Figures Show that Women Are Paid Less for the Same Kind of Work.

It was extremely rare, up to the time of the civil war, to find a woman employed in any store or office outside of millinery and dressmaking establishments.

Whether that war, by killing off or disabling several hundred thousand men, possibly more than half a million, drove the softer sex into other sorts of supporting themselves and others de-occupation through the necessity of pendent on them, is not known, but the fact remains that after the war of 1861-65 the advent of women into many branches of employment was marked and rapid, and it is a further fact that to-day one-fourth of the wage-earners is made up of women.

It is a well-known fact that for the same classes of work women, as a rule, receive much smaller wages than are paid to men. Commissioner Pidgeon, of the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor, in his report for 1902, gives some information on the subject. Out of a great number of instances he finds that the weekly wages of women, with a few exceptions, are lower, and in many cases are not more than half what is paid to men. The appearance of women as stenographers, formerly an occupation exclusively filled by men at high salaries, has resulted in reducing the compensation paid for that special branch of work, bringing men and women more on a plane, so far as the average salary is concerned, and thus it is that women have contributed to lower the wages of men.

That was one of the very first effects of the entrance of women into fields of business that were formerly exclusively occupied by men. The women were regarded as inferiors and were glad to get employment at any price. When they were found to be efficient they were put in the places of the men or the men were forced to take lower compensation. Thus was fixed the status of wages for the two sexes, and as a rule women must put up with lower wages than men, while the men get less than if there were no women competing in the same fields.

Commissioner Pidgeon gives figures of weekly wages classed by amounts. His figures are for Massachusetts, and they are much higher, as a rule, for the same services than in Louisiana. For instance, bundle boys and girls begin work in the wage class \$2 but under \$3 per week, the boys disappear after the class \$3 but under \$4 is reached, and the girls after the class \$4 but under \$5. This appears to be the limit of this kind of work. The boy, it may be, enters into another branch of occupation, and the girl is promoted to the counter or desk. Female bookkeepers are first noted in the class \$5 but under \$6, and are found in nearly every class up to and including \$25 but under \$26. Male bookkeepers are first found in the class \$7 but under \$8, and the highest wage paid is \$37 per week. In a previous table it was noted that the average weekly wage for male bookkeepers was \$19.73 and for females \$11.08.

It would, therefore, seem that in many instances knowledge of the business and financial ability were rewarded in the case of both men and women, where expertness in bookkeeping and accounts is concerned, as may be noted by the high individual salaries quoted. Referring once more to the occupation of stenography, which is nearly every case undoubtedly includes a knowledge of typewriting, it is found that the lowest class for female stenographers is \$4 but under \$5 per week, and the highest \$20 but under \$21; with the males, however, the lowest class is found to be \$8 but under \$9, and the highest \$16 but under \$17.

The highest weekly amount paid men in the section canvassed is \$125, that amount being paid buyers and managers; the highest paid women is \$81, paid in one instance to a buyer, a branch of occupation, especially in dry goods, fancy goods, etc., in which the judgment and taste of a well-educated woman find field for fullest development.

The Commissioner thus concludes: "It will be seen, then, that the young man entering commercial life may have the hope before him that, by perseverance, energy, honesty and willingness to work in season and out, he may advance from the humble position of bundle boy at \$2 per week to that of buyer or manager, receiving the highest salary of \$125 per week. To the young woman who takes a course in the business college for the position of bookkeeper, stenographer, or equivalent occupation, there is a possible rise from \$4 a week to the highest class of \$26 but under \$27, while the girl entering trade, as cash or bundle girl, may, if she has the ability and application to devote her energies to her own advancement and for the benefit of her employer, reach the ultimate position of buyer, and receive the highest salary here shown of \$81 per week. What has been done may be done again."—New Orleans Picayune.

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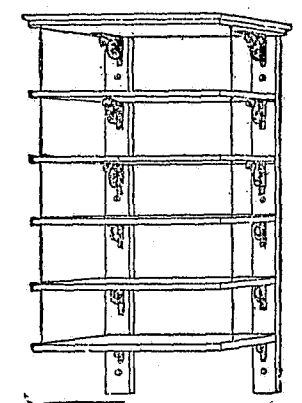
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Convenient Book Shelves.

The accompanying illustration, a sketch of which was sent us by W. D. Boynton, Wis., exhibits a convenient set of book-shelves, easily made and quite ornamental. The dimensions, as constructed by me, he writes, are in width three feet and in height six feet. I used clear, dressed pine lumber. The two upright strips, to which shelf brackets were attached, were six feet long and four inches wide. The shelves were four inches wide, with the exception of the top one, which was eight, besides the projection of the moulding. Three copper wires, about the thickness of a common knitting needle, were drawn through the ends of the shelves on each side, within an inch or two of the ends of the shelves, from top to bottom of structure. They were to keep



the books from tipping over sideways on the shelves. They also served to make the case look more complete. Brass wires of a larger size would have looked better. The brackets used may be of either iron or wood. Iron ones that do not occupy shelf-room are better. A dozen of them can be bought for fifty cents. The shelves came out just even with the outer edge of the supporting strips. The brackets, being fastened to both shelves and upright pieces, make the whole structure firm and substantial. The uprights stand upon the floor, and are screwed to the wall. The wood should be stained with amber, or some desirable color, and well varnished. The edges of the shelves may be covered with narrow gimp, or some such material. The wall at the back is usually hid by the contents of the shelves, but if it is likely to be in view, dark-blue cloth may be tacked to the wall back of where the case is to stand. The front may be open or hung with curtains, as desired. Some prettily figured cretonne will make a neat curtain. It should be hung upon a wide under the projecting moulding at the top.

Camera Artists.

He—So you think love is like a photographic plate. And why? She—Why, it takes a dark room to develop it.—Leslie's Weekly.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam."

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Experiments with Potatoes.

Twelve varieties of potatoes were tested for resistance to blight, both when sprayed and when unsprayed with Bordeaux mixture. A marked difference was found in the blight resistant properties of different varieties. As a rule the early varieties were soonest attacked. Spraying delayed the attack on all varieties but blight appeared on the sprayed plots of some varieties sooner than on plots of other varieties that were unsprayed. The increased yield more than paid the cost of spraying with Bordeaux mixture. On the average the yield of the early varieties was one-third greater on the sprayed plots, and in the case of the late varieties one-half greater than on the unsprayed. The yield of merchantable potatoes from the early varieties was practically the same, whether they were harvested in September or October. The yield of the late varieties, both sprayed and unsprayed, was a third greater at the later date.

In a field experiment the effect of Bug Death was again compared with Paris green as measured by health of vine and yield of tubers. As in previous experiments, the use of 25 pounds of Bug Death per acre at each application effectually protected the potatoes from the potato bug. From its use however, no larger crops were obtained than where Paris green was used as the poison. Both the Bug Death and Paris green were used with Bordeaux mixture. The results of the experiments for three years are summed up as follows: Desirable as it would be to find some method of controlling the potato beetle without the use of poison, there seems to be no immediate prospect of its attainment. As good crops, both as measured by total yield and starch content can be obtained by the use of Paris green as an insecticide as by anything yet suggested as its substitute. Used in moderate amounts, one-half to one pound per acre, there is no trustworthy evidence that the potato, as measured by growth of vines and yield of tubers and of dry matter, is injured by the use of Paris green.

By a patented process of manufacture lime that is ready for use is now upon the market. Bordeaux mixture made from the "Pine Cone Brand" of prepared lime was compared with regular Bordeaux mixture made from quick lime. Because of its purity it can be used in the same proportion (5 pounds of lime to 5 pounds of copper sulphate) although it does not carry as much oxide of lime as quick lime would if pure. In the trial with potatoes Bordeaux mixture made from the prepared lime was as effective against blight as that made in the usual way. The prepared lime costs more per pound than quick lime, but is more convenient, and its use saves time, and may on this account not prove more expensive.

These experiments are given in detail in bulletin 98 of the Maine Station which can be had free by all residents of Maine on application to the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, Orono, Maine. CHAS. D. WOODS, Director. March, 1904.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates, hereinafter named:

As a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, the following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in "The Bethel News," a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, and they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

CHARLES F. LORD, late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof, presented by Eleanor B. Lord, the executrix therein named.

MELITA W. PINGREE, late of Albany, deceased; petition that Charles F. Pingree or some other suitable person be appointed administrator, presented by Charles F. Pingree, a son and heir.

B. FRANK BLAKE, late of Ghead, deceased; petition that Elery C. Park or some other suitable person be appointed administrator, presented by Elery C. Park, a brother and heir.

CALVIN BISBEE, late of Bethel, deceased; petition for license to have conveyed real estate according to contract, presented by Albion L. Morgan et al. interested parties.

HELEN E. BISBEE of Bethel, ward; petition for license to sell and convey real estate, presented by Fannie W. Blake, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

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Wordless Dialogue.
"—?" asked the originator of fool questions, lighting a cigarette.
"—," replied the fair daughter of Eve, shifting her gum to the other cheek.
"—," ventured the cigarette consumer, with a faint smile.
"—," she protested, with a shrug. The shrug was her specialty.
"—," he hazarded, as he started down the front steps.
"—," she said. It was a parting shot, and it hit the target.—Chicago News.

An Up-to-Date Child.



"Hans, why are you reading that book on 'Bringing Up Children'?"
"I am only seeing if I am being brought up right."—Fliegende Blätter.

Her Reason.
"Lillian is not sure that she loves Walter. Sometimes she thinks she does and at other times she's convinced she doesn't."
"And yet she's going to marry him?"
"Oh, yes—that's all settled."
"But if she is not sure she loves him why doesn't she break the engagement?"
"Because she's twenty-seven."—Kansas City Journal.

One from Maulin.
Have none of you heard the Great Big Bear,
Who never a word did say?
But clenched her paws and said to herself
I'll stay in Man-chu-ri-a.
I'll stay in Man-chu-ri-a, my boys,
I'll stay in Man-chu-ri-a;
They may cuss and swear and tear their hair,
But I'll stay in Man-chu-ri-a.
—Manila American.

Variegated.
White—there was no lack of color in the afternoon I put in to-day.
Black—How's that?
"Well, Brown took me for a ride in his Red Devil with a blue humorist and a green chauffeur, and we spent the time in a whitewashed cell reading a yellow newspaper, while waiting for him to raise the greenbacks to pay the fine."—Life.

Shop-Sauce.
"What kind of a hat should a man wear with a pepper-and-salt suit?" asked the handkerchief salesman of the genius who held sway over the neck-wear counter.
"A castor, of course," responded the cravat clerk with the insouciance of a man who is studying for the stage by spending ten, twenty, or even thirty cents, as the case may be, every Friday evening.—Judge.

No Discomfort.
Van Antler (entertaining Withery at his country home)—Now, old man, if you should happen to want anything in the night, just touch this bell.
Withery—Never! I know how hard it is to keep servants in the country. Catch me touching that bell.
Van Antler—But I assure you you are perfectly safe. The bell doesn't work.—Life.

Wouldn't Stand for It.
"Now that we are engaged," said the amateur magician, "I must begin to save up for the wedding. Don't you think, under the circumstances, that we could dispense with the engagement ring?"
"I should say not," replied the prospective bride. "None of your sleight-of-hand tricks for me."—Chicago News.

Desperate.
Hereupon the man gave himself up to despair.
"I shall starve! There is nothing in the house but breakfast food, and I am thoroughly committed to the no-breakfast cure!" he exclaims, the tears trickling down his bronzed cheeks.
Of course, he is too proud to beg.—Puck.

The Majority.
They sing "the man behind the gun,"
"The man behind the plow,"
"The man behind the pick," and some I can't remember now.

But far more numerous than all
Who've furnished stuff for rhymes,
You'll find, in each community,
"The man behind the times."
—Baltimore American.

Willie.
Ethel—What did you open that oven door for? Don't you know that'll spoil the cake mamma's baking?
Willie—Sure and if it's spoiled she'll let us eat all we want of it.—Philadelphia Press.

Only the True L. F.

Has used it Thirty Years and can't be Fooled by Substitutes and Imitations

"Kindly send me by express another bottle of 'L. F.' Atwood's Bitters. I am unable to obtain it in this city. Was offered bitters put up by Moses Atwood in package resembling style in which the 'L. F.' is packed, but not knowing anything of the value of other bitters, and having known and loved the 'L. F.' Atwood's Bitters for nearly thirty years, I am going to continue using it."—G. W. CHASELEY, 1036 N. 43rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.

Real Estate,	\$ 19,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	717,520.00
Stocks and Bonds,	1,016,199.15
Cash in Office and Bank,	138,464.35
Interest and Rents,	17,814.14
All other Assets,	436,520.55
Gross Assets,	\$3,455,588.18
Deduct items not admitted,	153,451.08
Admitted Assets,	\$3,302,137.10
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 20,415.02
Unearned Premiums,	1,851,355.78
All other Liabilities,	13,519.64
Cash Capital,	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	717,877.65
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$3,302,137.10

HARTFORD FIRE INS. CO.

Hartford, Conn.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.

Real Estate,	\$ 940,500.00
Mortgage loans,	734,369.00
Collateral loans,	4,800.00
Stocks and Bonds,	10,183,874.85
Cash in Office and Bank,	543,609.17
Agents' Balances,	1,050,580.32
Interest and rents,	11,755.14

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1904.

Manley Withdraws.

While there have been six Republican candidates for gubernatorial honors yet the real fight has been between Hon. Joseph H. Manley of Augusta and Hon. Wm. T. Cobb of Rockland. For the past two years each of these two gentlemen has been working with might and main for the nomination and each has seemed confident of success. It has been rumored of late that Mr. Manley would withdraw from the contest owing to ill health but the same has been denied until now when he comes out flat-footed in a letter to the Kennebec Journal and announces his decision to retire entirely from all political participation.

This will in no way cause the political pot to cease boiling, on the contrary, the remaining few weeks will be lively ones for the other five candidates as each will leave no stone unturned to secure the support that was pledged to Mr. Manley.

It would seem, however, that Mr. Cobb's chances to receive the nomination on the first ballot are practically assured. His friends have had good grounds for their confidence in his victory when Mr. Manley was in the field, and certainly they have better grounds for hope now than before. Mr. Cobb has made a clean straight-forward fight and has, we feel, made a steady progress from start to finish and he will not only control his former support but will get strength from several counties that were considered strong for Mr. Manley.

Col. Prescott of Biddeford, will be Mr. Cobb's strongest opponent now and will make a good showing in the convention, backed as he will be by solid delegations from York and Cumberland counties. Col. Prescott is an admirable young man, one who would do honor to his State, and one whom the Republicans of Maine will be glad to honor as their chief executive a little later on, but it looks now as though the Hon. John F. Hill's successor will be Hon. Wm. T. Cobb of Rockland.

How will this do, Cobb for 1904, Prescott for 1908?

The Second District Republican Convention.

The Second District Republican convention will be held in City hall, Lewiston, Maine, Wednesday, April 13, 1904, at 1.30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress to be voted for at the September election.

To select two district delegates and two alternates to attend the National Republican convention at Chicago, June 21, 1904. To select a district committee and transact any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate and for each 75 votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in 1902 an additional delegate and for a fraction of 40 votes in excess of 75 an additional delegate. Vacancies in the delegation of any city, town or plantation can only be filled by a resident of the county in which the vacancy exists.

The District committee will be in session in the reception room of the hall at 11 o'clock a. m., on the morning of the convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of the delegates. Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention must be elected subsequent to the date of the call of this convention.

The chairman of the various delegations are requested to forward a full list of the delegates and alternates to the secretary for

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is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

In thousands and thousands of homes—in cities, towns and villages—three doses a day of this great medicine are now being taken by every member of the family.

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Why such wide and general use? Because Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved

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"Hood's Sarsaparilla is a grand blood purifier and health restorer. My husband and I take it through the spring months and find it just what it is represented to be." Mrs. D. M. CHANDLER, Burnham, Maine.

Take it. Accept no substitute for Hood's Sarsaparilla.

the District committee, J. W. Brackett, Phillips, as soon as they are chosen.

Per order Republican District committee.
FRED W. WIGHT, chairman,
J. W. BRACKETT, secretary,
Rockland, Me., Feb. 29, 1904.

Enemies of the Republic.

Corruption as revolution, a revolution, in which bribes, not bullets, are spent, business as treason, and the captains of industry and big business men as the real "Enemies of the Republic" are considered by Lincoln Steffens in the April McClure's in a most powerful and convincing article which fairly stuns the reader with its pure force of facts and logic.

Following the trail of graft Mr. Steffens has moved from the city to the State and is getting nearer its true source and cause. "The Highway of Corruption," he says, "is the road to success. The trail of the political leader and the trail of the commercial leader are parallels, which mark the plain main road that leads off the dead level of the cities, up through the States into the United States out of the political ring into the System, the living system of our actual government." This government Mr. Steffens believes actually to be corruption, and he presents an array of argument and evidence that certainly make a strong case.

Corruption is not local, is not partisan, not alone political but financial and industrial, too. Miss Tarbell is showing it in the trust; Mr. Baker in the labor union. Mr. Steffens finds the search drawing him away from politics into business, out of the cities into the States.

Missouri furnishes Mr. Steffens the conditions from which he draws his conclusions in this article, although he says almost any State would answer. "Investigation in St. Louis soon convinced him that the system of corruption which he was unearthing was bigger than St. Louis; it was the system of Missouri. 'Just as in the city,' he says, 'the System in the States is corruption settled into a 'Custom of the Country,' betrayal of trust established as the form of government.' And behind this corruption is big business and the promoters of it are big business men who make political parties and their bosses, legislatures and public officials servants to do their will at the expense of the public. 'The source and sustenance of bad government is not the bribe-taker but the bribe-giver.' Here we see the point of it all: in the minds of bribe-givers and bribe-takers 'bad' politics is 'good' business and 'bad' politics pays and what pays is right.

Mr. Steffens' conclusion is unanswerable. "Bribery is treason," he says, "and a boodler is a traitor." Thus at last is raised the plain great question, do the people rule? Missouri cannot decide this question alone. Corruption is everywhere. It is national. It is American. It is a revolutionary process making for a new form of government. To stop its insidious advances some power must rise to bring home to the captain of industry the truth: 'That business, important as it is, is not sacred; that not everything that pays is right; that if bribery is treason, if the corrupt politician is a traitor, then the corrupting business man is an enemy of the republic; no matter how many bonds he may float in war, or how much he may give for charity and education, if he corrupts the sources of law and

of justice, his business is not success but—treason and a people's failure."

More than that, there must be aroused or created a public sentiment that will punish in measure with his crime the "business" boodler and traitor.

Grand Trunk Again to the Front.

The New York Agency of the Grand Trunk Railway System are now occupying what is conceded to be the handsomest railroad office in the world, on the ground floor of the new Dun Mercantile Agency Building, at 290 Broadway, New York. The floor is finished throughout in Sienna marble, bronze and plate glass, and these decorations cost the owners of the building \$100,000.00 and it is considered the finest display of this handsome stone in America. The Grand Trunk leased the entire floor and called it the "Railway Exchange," having as sub-tenants: Great Eastern Fast Freight Line, Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., Maine Steamship Co., Clyde Steamship Co., Queen & Crescent Route, Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., Wisconsin Central Railroad Co., Central Railroad of New Jersey, The Central States Dispatch, Pere Marquette Railroad Co., Georgia Railroad Co.

The consolidation of these interests is a new departure, and in the brief time that they have been together, it has operated to so much advantage to the roads interested, and has been such an accommodation to the shipping and traveling public, that its success is assured.

The entire office has been fitted throughout in mahogany which corresponds with the building's decorations, the offices being in the centre of the space with a lobby down each side.

Everything considered, the Grand Trunk Railway System's new office is worthy of a call from anyone visiting New York.

Wakeful Children.

For a long time the two year old child of Mr. P. L. McPherson, 59 N. Tenth St., Harrisburg, Pa., would sleep but two or three hours in the early part of the night, which made it very hard for her parents. Her mother concluded that the child had stomach trouble, and gave her half of one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which quieted her stomach and she slept the whole night through. Two boxes of these Tablets have effected a permanent cure and she is now well and strong.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

NOTICE.

The annual examination for those who wish to teach in the town of Bethel during the ensuing year will be given at the Brick School House on Saturday April 9 next at 9:30 in the forenoon.

Per order School Committee
By H. H. HASTINGS,
Supt. of Schools
Bethel, March 22, 1904.

If troubled with weak digestion, belching or sour stomach, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will get quick relief.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends in Bethel and vicinity for their sympathy and help in the sickness and death of our daughter Lillian; also for the beautiful flowers, emblems of Christian love and sympathy.
MR. AND MRS. G. D. MORRILL

News' Excursion

TO THE

St. Louis Exposition
AND
NIAGARA FALLS

Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense, Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.

Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST

Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.

In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.

Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING.

	Votes.
1. Each paper will contain a Coupon which when properly filled out and returned to us will count.....	1
2. Each dollar paid on new subscriptions will count.....	100
3. Each dollar paid on renewals by present subscribers will count.....	40
4. Each dollar paid on arrears by present subscribers will count.....	25
5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count.....	50
6. Each dollar for new advertising, secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count.....	25
7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count.....	25

CONDITIONS.

Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.

1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come in under another name in the same family.
3. If a subscriber is in arrears and pays up to date and one or more years in advance, the amount to date will be received as arrears and the balance as a renewal, as per schedule for counting.
4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased business which may be secured from our present advertisers will be counted, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now carried. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

Bethel News St. Louis Coupon.

One Vote For

Address

BABY MARRIAGES IN INDIA.

Many Widows in Bengal Under Five Years of Age.

A Bengal contemporary seems to have unearthed some curious figures buried deep underneath the tomes of the latest census report. According to this, there are 535 widows in Bengal under one year—that is, so many infants of from one month to 11 months had been married in the province and found widowed.

It would be interesting to know the respective ages of the husbands of these hapless little creatures. Not a few of the husbands might be found old enough to be their great-grandfathers, with perhaps several wives to each. Were all of them Kulin marriages?

Under 2 years we find the number of widows in Bengal to be 574, under 3 years 651, under 4 years 1,576, under 5 years 3,861. Here we have something like a holocaust, a sort of burning alive of these little mites of humanity, who, but for the prevalence of a rigid sex monopoly, would probably live to be true wives and truly happy mothers, the mothers of future heroes and patriots.

What possibilities are lost to the race forever under a system which has not one word to say for itself!

It is much to be wished that young Bengal joined hands with old Bengal in making such "marriages" impossible. Surely 100 years of liberal education ought to suffice for this most elementary item of national improvement. Our remarks apply with much the same force to other parts of India.

It is idle to talk of the "spiritual" ideal of marriage, or marriage being a sacrament, and of baby wives and baby widows growing to be the guardian angels of society, when, as a rule, they are consigned to a life of perpetual penance and self-mortification, while needing the tenderest care, amid the free-and-easy movements of their male relatives, whom the "spiritual" conception of marriage does not prevent from marrying again and again.

Terrible, according to our Shastras, are the effects of a curse pronounced by a woman; much more terrible when the curse remains unuttered. Who can tell how much of India's misery arises from the unuttered sufferings of her daughters?—The Voice of India.

Whipping the Child.

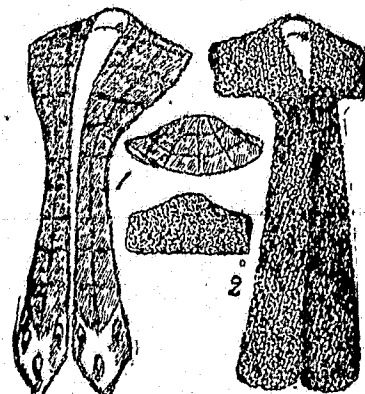
The old adage, "Spare the rod and spoil the child," has been a source of much worry to many parents and will continue to be so for ages to come, but the following letter received by one of our readers, will no doubt, set some at rest.

To Mother—Your objection to whippings interested me very much. I was whipped when a child and sometimes for such silly things as breaking a cup. Suppose we were whipped every time we broke anything or did anything wrong? Many fathers and mothers who have grown broader in their ideas are ashamed to think they stooped so low as to whip these dear little bodies entrusted to their care. Often these same people will pet some animal, speak kindly to it, and never think of a kind word to their own. It is all well enough to be kind to animals, but why not start on humanity? I have been in homes where about every one was picked to pieces, harsh words to one another; then such tenderness toward the cat. Children do not forget unkindness. I can remember a remark that was made about my clothes when I was six years old. "When I see that person I always think of that unkind remark. I do wish grown people would treat children with respect. They have feelings and they appreciate kindness. I, as a child, received very little kindness, so know how on" so placed must feel. Married.

Stole Collarettes.

The vogue of the stole collarette is an established fact and its number and variety increase day by day. The two shown are among the best offered and afford a choice of shape and style.

Number One is made of mole skin with trimming of ermine and is shaped to form a deep round collar at the back, with stole ends that are narrower at the waist line and broader at the lower edge, where they terminate in points.



Number Two is shown in Persian lamb cloth with black silk ornaments making a finish at the front. The collar portion is square at both front and back and the stoles are wider at the ends than at the collar.

Both designs are available for all the materials used for collarettes, fur, lamb cloth, velvet and the like.—Max Manton.

If rubbed with fresh lemon or orange peel, knives and forks will be thoroughly freed from the taste of fish.
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Karo CORN SYRUP is a food and table delicacy combined. It makes you eat. Contains all the nutritive, strengthening properties of corn in a pre-digested form, ready to use by the blood immediately upon entering the stomach. A fine food for feeble folks, as well as well folks. Children love it and thrive upon its pure, wholesome goodness. It is a remarkable energy and strength producer. Excellent for all home uses from griddle cakes to candy. Its reasonable cost appeals to the prudent housewife. A better syrup than you ever bought.

The Great Spread for Daily Bread.

Sold in airtight, friction-top tins which are excellent for various household purposes when empty. Sold by all grocers in three sizes, 100, 250 and 500.

CORN PRODUCTS CO., New York and Chicago.

WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

March departs, and April comes. The drouth is ended, and wells are no longer dry.

John Murphy fell on the ice last week and strained one hand so badly he is unable to work.

The man who from obscurity would rise, His business in the News should advertise.

Charles Horne of West Milan, N. H., visited friends here over Sunday.

The man who dislikes his name in the papers, Is the one who cuts up the meanest capers.

The thaw of last week made drifted roads in bad condition for travel.

E. P. Philbrook was confined to his home last week by illness, but is now improving.

Charles F. Reed of Hartford is on his annual tour through this part of the county, selling his medicinal preparations and flavoring extracts.

Bethel has been called "the banner town in Oxford county" in the making of maple sugar, but the right kind of weather for that business has not yet come.

Alton Smith was in Gorham, N. H., last Thursday.

Miss Ethel Allen spent Saturday and Sunday in Gilead and Berlin, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Fletcher visited their two daughters in West Paris, Saturday.

Loton Hutchinson, Geo. Bennett and Rob Kimball went to Berlin, N. H., Sunday.

Those who attended the Flinch and Pit party Friday evening had a fine time. The oyster stew was excellent, giving good credit to those who made it.

The Oregon Medicine Co., are giving a series of entertainments in Bell's hall this week.

The Name Witch Hazel.

The name Witch Hazel is much abused. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, are the inventors of the original and only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. A certain cure for Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Eczema, Tetter, Piles etc. There are many counterfeits of this salve, some of which are dangerous, while they are worthless. In buying Witch Hazel Salve see that the name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on the box and a cure is certain. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

GRAFTON.

Mr. Littlefield made his regular trip through here last week going as far as Errol, N. H.

Mrs. Delphina Whitman has been quite poorly of late.

L. M. Blanchard of Newry passed through town last week with his spruce-gum paraphernalia, on his way to some of the spruce timbered localities above here.

The rain and warm winds of the past week have caused the snow to fast disappear; the streams are swollen and in some places, the low lands are already overflowed

SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items from Our Shire Town.

Ed. Knight is at home.

Grace Bennett is visiting in Boston.

Lillian Waldron has returned from a short vacation spent in Boston and vicinity.

Iva Haggett was home from Portland over Sunday.

Mr. Charles Cutler went to East Poland Monday for a visit.

Oscar F. Bowker has been up from Portland for a few days.

Examination of teachers at the brick schoolhouse, Saturday, April 2.

Paris High School opened Monday, March 28.

Mrs. M. E. Shurtlett of Lewiston was a guest of Mrs. James Tucker over Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Hinckley of Good Will Farm preached at the Baptist church, Sunday.

Mr. J. Edward Murch is sawing wood piles with his gasoline outfit here and in Norway.

H. L. Crooker of Locke's Mills visited at J. J. Murphy's last Tuesday.

Jonas Knight came Saturday, from Massachusetts to visit his father, Joseph Knight, for a while.

A petition is in circulation to the post office department to establish a receiving box for mail matter at the railroad station. This will be a great convenience to all in the offices at the court house and other people who reside or do business near the station.

Mr. Fred S. Pierce, who has been with his parents Rev. E. W. Pierce and wife, for about four months has returned to East Orleans, Mass.

Henry Fuller returned Saturday from Hopedale, Mass., where he has been spending the winter.

Abijah C. Hall and wife went last Wednesday morning to Boston to visit their son Herbert who is now on his way to Europe.

Annie Davis and Myrtle Buck visited at C. T. Buck's last week.

Mary A. Stone of Norway visited at B. M. Greely's a few days last week.

Mrs. Sidney Farnum is failing in health.

Percy M. Walker who has been engaged in lumbering for A. W. Walker & Son in Sumner was injured there by a pile of logs rolling on to him. One bone of his leg was broken. He was brought home Thursday.

T. S. Barnes and wife attended the Banquet at Liverton given by the E. S. Melcher Co., of Portland to their employees, Saturday.

Mrs. E. A. Howe has returned from her Boston and New York trip with a fine line of early spring millinery.

Lieut. Geo. A. Wilson Jr., is one of the two officers named by Gov. Hill to attend a course at the General Service and Staff College of the Department, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The course is from September to June. Quarters and subsistence are furnished by the department.

Chas. W. Bowker has painted the interior of his store.

L. W. Berry who has been superintendent of the Paris Creamery ever since its establishment, finishes his engagement there Apr. 1, and will move to a farm in New Gloucester.

Mrs. Jacob Nichols, who has been spending the winter with her daughter Mrs. Warren Swett, in Dorchester, Mass., returned home last week.

Mr. Wendell Rounds has been chosen for one of the parts at the senior speaking, Bates College April 1.

C. W. Bowker and family are spending a week with J. F. Stanley and wife at Auburn Fish Hatchery.

Candidates for nomination to legislature are C. H. Lane and F. S. Packard of West Paris and W. L. Gray of South Paris.

The interior of the store of F. A. Shurtlett & Co., is being thoroughly renovated with paint and varnish.

Alberta E. Davis and Fred W. Tirrell of Turner were united in marriage Saturday. Mrs. Tirrell is the daughter of Postmaster Samuel F. Davis, and is a very popular young lady. Mr. Tirrell formerly worked for the Paris Mfg. Co., and has many friends here. A large number of presents were received, among them being a very handsome banquet lamp, which was presented to the bride by her friends in the toy shop, where she worked previous to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Tirrell will reside in Strong for the present where he is employed. The best wishes of many friends go with them.

The Bates College team defeated Trinity College in debate at Hartford, Conn., last Friday evening. A. Keith Spofford of this place was second speaker for Bates.

Jesse P. Edwards is to move from Norway to Oscar Barrows' rent on Oxford St., soon. He is employed in the Paris Mfg. Co.'s factory.

A delegation of about thirty-five members of Hamlin Lodge K. of P., visited Cragie Lodge, Oxford, Thursday evening and worked the third degree.

Ethel Barrows spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt Mrs. Chas. Hemmingway of Norway.

Paris Grange met at I. O. O. F., March 19, with Norway Patrons as their guests. Fully two hundred visiting members and a large company of Paris Patrons filled the hall at an early hour. Opened in form with Worthy Master Clifford in the chair. After routine work, Brother J. A. Roberts Master of Norway Grange was called upon and spoke for an hour on practical farming. After recess for dinner, the meeting was called to order at 1:30 p. m., and the Norway degree team proceeded to confer the third and fourth degrees. Norway may well be proud of the work done, and seeing it others will have a desire to do likewise. A vote of thanks was extended to the Norway degree team and auxiliary for their work. Closed in form.

Lillian G. Powers visited at Addison Tirrell's last week.

Happy, Healthy Children.
Any child can take Little Early Risers with perfect safety. They are harmless, never gripe or sicken, and yet they are so certain in results that robust constitutions requiring drastic means are never disappointed. They cannot fail to perform their mission and every one who uses DeWitt's Little Early Risers prefer them to all other pills. They cure biliousness. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

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Ayer's
Your doctor will tell you that thin, pale, weak, nervous children become strong and well by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Small doses, for a few days.

Sarsaparilla
The change is very prompt and very marked. Ask your doctor why it is. He has our formula and will explain.

"When 13 years old, for many months no one thought I could live because of this blood. But in a few weeks, Ayer's Sarsaparilla completely restored me to health."
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Biliousness, constipation prevent recovery. Cure these with Ayer's Pills.

FOOD FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The more natural diet is more palatable, invigorating and strengthening to body and mind—right to the contrary with unnatural, improperly prepared food, which stunts the growth, dwarfs the mind, causes a lack of will power and steadiness of nerve. No doubt that fifty per cent of the failures in life can be traced to improper diet when young.

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is a natural food, and is healthy for growing children. Let the children try it, and note after continued use the mental and physical vigor it imparts.

Palatable—Nutritious—Easy of Digestion and Ready to Eat

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BRYANT POND.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bartlett, were at C. J. Littlefield's, Sunday.

Mary Stevens is at home from her school.

Miss Lizzie Stevens, who teaches in Cambridge, Mass., is expected home this week to spend her Easter vacation.

Miss Ella Blodgett has finished work at the Glen Mountain House.

Mrs. Amanda Sheeran has had a chimney rebuilt and is making other improvements on her house.

Miss Ethel Young visited friends and relatives in Locke's Mills and Bethel, last week.

Mr. Scott Merrill, who has been living in the Daniel Bryant house for two or more years, is to move into the Ring house. Mr. Merrill will drive a fish cart during the summer.

Miss Annie Crooker, visited her friend Florence Littlefield one day last week.

Master Homer Crooker will pass the remainder of his vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cummings, Bird Hill.

Mrs. Stella Ford has been quite sick.

There will be an Easter concert at the Baptist Church next Sunday evening.

Mr. C. F. Farrar, attended the funeral of his sister Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain, at Bridgton, last week.

Mr. Ben Martin is on the sick list.

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The latest and prettiest things in Neckwear and Bets, 25 cents and 50 cents.

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To the Public.

I desire to inform the public that I have purchased the CALVIN BISBEE STORE, in Bethel, and shall continue the same line of business as was carried on by Mr. Bisbee. I assure all that I shall endeavor to maintain the reputation of this store as far as is possible for me to do so, and I earnestly invite my share of the public trade.

Clarence K. Fox, Bethel, Me.

Spring Lines are
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GLOVES, NECKWEAR, SILK and COTTON
DRAPERIES, WHITE SHIRT WAIST PAT-
TERNS, HAMBURGS, LACES, DRESS TRIM-
MINGS, LINEN TOWELS, VEILINGS, ETC.

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E. E. Burnham's

Cole Block, BETHEL, ME.

STARK, N. H.

The first electrical storm of the season occurred the 22d.

Mrs. Perley Miles of West Paris, is visiting in town.

Martha Eldora, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pike, died the 18th, at the age of eleven months.

Mrs. Mellie Cole visited her sister, Mrs. Sarah Maguire, Wednesday. Mrs. Maguire has been ill nearly four years, but seems a little better this spring.

Grace O'Connor had the misfortune to slip on the ice recently, and sprain her arm.

I. N. Cole is slowly improving.

Ovid Fladeau is working for A. S. Ellingwood.

The snow has nearly all melted in the valley and water covers the meadows.

Josiah Kimball has moved back to his farm.

Dayton Harding and wife have returned home.

John Hickey and Llewellyn Crafts have returned home from Plainfield.

Milton Cole is working for C. H. Page.

Jesse Lunn of Rumford Falls, is visiting relatives and friends in town.

Alec Silver and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Miss Alice Laughlin has returned to her home in Concord, N. H.

Mrs. Mary E. Caher has returned home from Boston, where she spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Drew.

Gladys and Beatrice Tollen visited in Groveton last week.

Miss Inga I. Jackson is working for Mrs. James Henry at Island Pond, Vt.

Alna Cole who is attending school at Bridgton, Maine, is spending his vacation with his parents.

Dexter Blake and wife of Berlin, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Blake.

Maud Croteau is working for Mrs. Archer Cox.

THE GUARANTEED CATARRH CURE.

G. R. Wiley Will Return Money If Hyomei Fails. No Stomach Dosing.

Hyomei has made so many cures of the most chronic and deep seated cases of catarrh that G. R. Wiley considers it a specific in this disease.

He extends an invitation to all catarrh sufferers to call at his store and purchase a Hyomei outfit with the distinct understanding that it will be absolutely free unless it effects a cure.

The chief reason for the unusual success of Hyomei in the treatment of catarrhal troubles and other diseases of the air passages, is the fact that it cures by a new principle, impregnating the air you breathe with healing and germ-killing balsams. On this account it reaches the seat of the disease in a way impossible to pills, drugs or other stomach dosing.

Many of G. R. Wiley's customers who have suffered with catarrh since childhood have been cured completely by this scientific remedy.

The complete Hyomei outfit costs \$1, and consists of an inhaler that can be carried in the purse or pocket, a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomei. Extra bottles can be obtained for 50c., making it a most economical remedy for the cure of catarrh.

Do not suffer longer with catarrhal disorders, but get a Hyomei outfit from G. R. Wiley, under his guarantee to return the money if it fails. You run no risk whatever. If it cures the treatment is not expensive, while if it fails, G. R. Wiley will refund your money and it costs you absolutely nothing.

Good Pills

Ayer's Pills are good liver pills. You know that. The best family laxative you can buy. They keep the bowels regular, cure constipation.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE.

Sick Blood

Feed pale girls on Scott's Emulsion.

We do not need to give all the reasons why Scott's Emulsion restores the strength and flesh and color of good health to those who suffer from sick blood.

The fact that it is the best preparation of Cod Liver Oil, rich in nutrition, full of healthy stimulation is a suggestion as to why it does what it does.

Scott's Emulsion presents Cod Liver Oil at its best, fullest in strength, least in taste.

Young women in their "teens" are permanently cured of the peculiar disease of the blood which shows itself in paleness, weakness and nervousness, by regular treatment with Scott's Emulsion.

It is a true blood food and is naturally adapted to the cure of the blood sickness from which so many young women suffer.



We will be glad to send a sample to any sufferer.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., New York.

Flowers at the World's Fair.

A great conservatory forty feet high and more than 200 feet square, a floral clock 100 feet across its dial, sunken gardens 750 feet long, six acres of blooming roses and a great bed of wild flowers are the distinguishing features of the elaborate flower display at the World's Fair.

At intervals during the seven months of the Exposition flower shows will be given, but the beautiful landscape scheme and exhibits of the Horticulture department will always be presented to the vision.

At night the great floral clock will be illuminated by 1000 incandescent lights and the minute hand, fifty feet long, will mark the passing of the hours.

Wild species common to the American field and forest will form a separate exhibit in the outdoor section and in the garden of 50,000 rose trees every variety of that prolific plant will be displayed.

Inside the big hot house of the Horticulture palace there is room for every specimen of flora known to each climate. Sweet jessamines from the Southland mingle their fragrance with the flowers of the north and the cacti of the desert will blossom beside the verdure of the oasis.

Water plants dip their leaves in the lagoons, and in nooks and corners of the great exhibit palaces are bud and vine. State buildings and foreign pavilions have fitted their conservatories with native flowers and there will be at this exposition such a botanical collection as was never before seen in the world's history.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia.

Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be warded off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results."

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THE PERILS OF PEACE

"Honest, if they ain't more fightin', an' wars, an' rumors of wars goin' on these days than could be put in one volume of history, my intellect is sure crippled an' I've lost both of my crutches," began Private Jimmy, of the Sixteenth United States Infantry, as with the Constitution's war correspondent of peace they stood and watched the workmen engaged on the building of the new officers' quarters at Fort McPherson.

"Every time I pick up a newspaper I get as nervous as a woman with a sick headache. 'The Sixteenth' may go to Colombia," it says. 'The situation is threatening in San Domingo,' it says. 'It is rumored that the Japs have broken away from their reservation again an' that Russia is highly displeased,' it reads, an' by-Judas I wish I was in that fight with a pretty geisha girl to go home to when it was all over who wouldn't cry an' take on about findin' the wrong letters in your pockets, but would smile an' look pleasant an' say, 'I leave you ver' much, Meester Chimmee,' just as my little Cho Cho San used to do.

"An' are the soldiers gettin' killed in all this fightin' that's goin' on? Not on purpose. This kind of fightin' ain't none of their affair. It belongs to the porters and reporters. The reporters are leadin' their columns bravely on regardless of danger. But the columns are bad formation. Do they deploy in regular columns of fours? They do not. Just as you get to the thrillin' part of the story that tells how the brave soldiers were ready to fight at any minute, just as they have been for years on end, the newspapers says, 'Continued on the 127th page of the eleventh section,' an' you find that that was the section you sent your clothes to the wash in.

"Oh, it's full of privation an' danger is the life of the reporter these days. Every day I'm expectin' to see you sent as war co-repondent to College Park to report the bitter fight that is bein' waged against poverty, the balliffs an' the money sharks. But you've robbed us soldiers of our chance for glory an' active service pay. When the fightin' begins it ain't official 'till the reporters get there. So one side's afraid an' the other doesn't do anything anywhere 'till the special co-repondent of the St. Petersburg Gazette an' the photographer of the Lulu Weekly Welkin an' the artists of the Milledgeville Mornin' Mail has arrived. An' when all the co-repondents get together they fight it out amongst themselves with such harrowin' descriptions an' details of the war we're always on the eve of, that the generals on both sides deserts from the service an' goes back to the insurance business they was promoted from. Oh, with civil appointments for officers, war is sure hell these days. It's only one step from the bookkeeper's desk to the shoulder straps an' it's just about the same distance back again when the fightin' begins.

"I'm only waitin' 'till the ranks of the reports is so depleted with the cruel ravages of war that they'll be sendin' out the society editors. What we'll have to go through in the newspapers when that happens is too awful to think about. All this carnage an' these bloody battlefields we're on the brink of so regularly four times a week will be nothin' to what will get mixed up in the readin' matter then. 'An' Gen. Patryckye McGynnsye,' they'll write, bein' careful to spell it as differently from the way the old man, who was a poor but contractin' hod carrier, spelled it as possible. 'Gen. McGynnsye was most fetchin' in old blue with buttons de brass trimmings. As the enemy he proved a most graceful an' hospitable host, an' every one is sure of a royal welcome when he gives a house party. The artistic table appointments were carried out in crimson, with the soft red glow of the clay pipes an' conversation throwing an effective light upon the scene. Gen. McCarthy carried a bouquet of swansons an' pink pigweed that harmonized perfectly with his complexion an' disposition.'"

Private Jimmy paused and gazed for a long time at one of the workmen, who, with a trowel, was deftly plying a layer of mortar.

"But do you think there is any chance of the Sixteenth being called to the front?" asked the reporter.

"Sure we are. We're liable to be called to the front to-morrow—the front page of the newspaper sayin' that we have received orders to be ready to move at once on the Home for Insurables. But the only men what's liable to get hurt at Fort McPherson are those men with the trowels an' hods. One of them might slip an' sprain his ankle. You newspaper folks have robbed us of any chance to fight, an' the Sixteenth, what keeps itself so damn busy fightin' visitors an' Georgia sunshine, is a whole lot like the Eastern question an' the thirst-curin' far-away date of payday, its condition remains unchanged."—Atlanta Constitution.

Rules of the Game.

Girl in the Grand Stand—Isn't that a cruel game? Do you think it's fair for a dozen men to pile themselves on top of the poor fellow that has the ball?

Her Escort—No; there oughtn't to be more than eleven of them, anyway. —Chicago Tribune.

Classified.

"Who was that young man hugging you last night?" asked the girl in the new fall hat.

"Oh, he is a book agent," responded her chum.

"Looked to me more like a press agent!"—Chicago News.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles most always result from a derangement of the kidney and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

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WIT AND WISDOM.

"Why Christianize the cannibal? When it can't well be denied That he dearly loves his fellow man—Boiled, triced and fried?"

If it's a bilious attack, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick recovery is certain.

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"The man who gets but frugal fare At home the whole year long Grows loudest in the lunch cafe When anything goes wrong."

The Keeley Institute in Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, is successfully curing drunkards and drug users.

Charles—My wife's handwriting is awful! Just look at that letter. His Friend—How do you manage to read it? Charles—I don't; I just send the check.

It's a mistake to imagine that itching piles can't be cured; a mistake to suffer a day longer than you can help. Doan's Ointment brings instant relief and permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents.

Naggsby—They tell me that a little learning is a dangerous thing. Waggby—Never mind. You're still a long way back of the danger line.

All the healing balsamic virtues of the Norway pine are concentrated in Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's own remedy for coughs and colds.

"Three new families have moved into the neighborhood," she said, "and I want to find out who they are, but it would be beneath my dignity to go chasing about the neighborhood. I'll just invite Mrs. Gossip to dinner."

Hundreds of lives saved every year by having Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house just when it was needed. Cures croup, heals burns, cuts, wounds of every sort.

"Remember, children," said the school teacher to her charges, "that Bobby Smith has no father now, and you must treat him very kindly. How would you feel if you had no father?" And immediately a youngster whose father had beaten him that morning for doing wrong, said: "Well, I guess I'd feel better'n I do now."

"Energy all gone? Headache? Stomach out of order? Simply a case of torpid liver. Burdock Blood Bitters will make a new man or woman of you."

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.
Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months.
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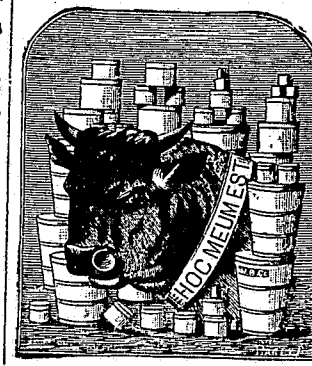
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WOMAN AND THE LAW.
Continued from last week.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Marriage is a civil contract, and the parties desiring to enter into it must have a license from the Clerk in which either of the parties reside or in the county where the marriage is performed and a return must be made by the party officiating, but no special form is necessary; indeed, the use of the words "I take you for my wife," assented to by the woman, will constitute a valid contract of marriage when immediately followed by the living together of the parties from that time until death. Lucy Stone and H. B. Backwell, upon the occasion of their marriage, prepared a protest against the inequalities of the law which gave the husband control of the wife's person, property and children. The protest was widely copied and served as an important educator of popular opinion. They were obliged to send 30 miles to secure a minister who would perform the ceremony with the word "obey" omitted. Finding that no law compelled the change of name at marriage, she also kept her own, and was known as Mrs. Lucy Stone to her death.

The father as the head of the family has primarily and legally, control over the children and is bound to support, maintain and educate them, but the mother, who contributes by the fruit of her own labor, or otherwise, to their support, maintenance and education has the same and equal power, control and authority over the children, and has an equal right to their custody and services as the father, provided that the mother is otherwise qualified and a fit and proper person, and in case of dispute between father and mother as to the custody and services of minor children, the judges of the court shall decide in their sound discretion as to which parent, if either, the custody of the child shall be committed, and usually the custody of a child of tender years is committed to the mother if she is a suitable person. Otherwise a guardian may be appointed and the child committed to some benevolent institution similar to the proceeding which is taken by the officers of the Children's Home of Pottsville; and, if the father by reason of drunkenness, profligacy or other causes, neglects or refuses to provide for his children, the mother has all the rights and is subject to all the duties reciprocally due between father and child, provided that she affords them a good example and supports and maintains them according to her ability; otherwise the court can appoint a guardian for them.

It has been decided by our august Supreme Court that a twist of the nose is not sufficient cause for divorce, neither is bad temper or mere jealousy.

It is a remarkable fact that France did not permit divorce for any cause until the year 1884.

The law and practice concerning divorce are greatly diversified in the several States, whence much confusion results regarding the status of citizens in respect to the contract of marriage where the parties, or one of them, has been domiciled in another State at the time of its judicial annulment. In general, a decree of divorce duly granted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any State of the Union, according to its laws, is recognized as valid and effectual everywhere.

INHERITANCE BY DEATH.

The real and personal estate of a decedent remaining after the payment of debts and which shall not have been sold or disposed of by will or otherwise, limited by marriage settlement shall be divided as follows:

1. On the death of the husband leaving a widow and issue, the widow is entitled to the income of one-third part of the real estate for the term of her life and one-third the personal estate absolutely; but where the wife dies leaving a husband and issue, the personal property is divided among the husband and children, share and share alike, but he has a right to the possession and enjoyment of all her real estate during his life as a tenant by courtesy. Subject to the estate and interest given to the widow and surviving husband, the personal and real estate goes to the lineal descendants.

2. Where the husband dies leaving a widow and collateral heirs, but no issue, the widow is entitled to the income of one-half part of the real estate, including the mansion house and buildings appertaining thereto, for the term of her life, and one-half the personal estate absolutely, but when the wife dies leaving a husband and collateral heirs, but no issue, the husband takes the whole of her personal property and becomes a tenant by the courtesy of all her real estate, in other words, the enjoyment of the real estate during his natural life. Subject to these interests, the real and personal estate goes to the next of kin.

Neither a husband nor wife can by making a will diminish the estate to which the other would be entitled under the intestate laws.

3. On the death of a single man or woman the real estate goes to the father and mother during their joint lives and the life of the survivor, and the personal estate to them absolutely, and on their death or the death of the survivor, to the collateral heirs.

A widow is entitled, for the benefit of herself and children, to an exemption of \$300 of property, even against creditors.

Marriage revokes a will previously made by a single woman, and it is not revived by the husband's death.

Woman has successfully practiced law in this country for many years, and she has been as expert as her male brothers in understanding the principles of the law and solving intricate legal questions.

We have seen that woman has gradually gained absolute control of her separate property and secured the power of disposing of it by will or otherwise; that she controls and uses her own earnings; that she has equal guardianship of her children; that she has an equal right to direct as to their education and spiritual welfare; that she has limited suffrage in 25 States and full suffrage in 4; that she is eligible to many offices under the law, and freely admitted to almost every kind of employment and the learned professions; that she can engage in any kind of business, and that her interest in her husband's property is just as it was in 1833. She should be proud of the fact that with all this increased responsibility you scarcely ever hear of a woman defaulter.

Even if the husband be the bread winner, I have never been quite able to understand why the wife and husband should not have an equal share in each other's estate, for the wife labors in the home and can either save or spend the accumulations of the husband.

The last century opened with woman to a large extent in ignorance and under repression, while it closed having given her liberty and equality.

Strange to say, all this has come, not by her own voice and vote, but has gradually been given her by her male companion. Even now in our beloved State, if the owner of property, she is taxed without representation and without voice as to the expenditure of the taxes she pays. It has seemed to me that the experiment of limited suffrage to women who own property and to all women as to school and local affairs and the regulation of the liquor traffic might be wisely tried, for our forefathers fought for the right of representation, and the voice of woman is always on the right side of local questions, but I hesitate at the very threshold to cast extra burdens upon her. Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, recently resigned his seat in Congress because he came to the conclusion after the testimony in his contested election was in that he had not been legally elected, and strange to say, the illegal votes cast came largely from the women of that State. The better class of women would not participate in the contest, and her bad sisters sold their votes and influence in the most shameful way. A bad man is bad enough, but a bad woman is even worse.

ONE WOMAN IN SIX EARN'S LIVING.

I sometimes think that in the matter of business, employment and suffrage we have gone far enough, at least until we become thoroughly adjusted to the new conditions now existing. Can it be possible that one woman in six must earn her own living and in many cases be the bread winner for others? I tremble for the young women thrown into intimate business contact with the world. I fear the keen edge of her sensibilities may be gradually dulled.

A woman who a few years ago was one of the most prominent and active women of Pottsville, recently wrote me in relation to the

Worms

Hundreds of children and adults have worms, but are not treated for them. The symptoms are--indigestion, with a variable appetite; frequent vomiting; breath; hard and full belly with occasional griping and pains about the navel; stoma heavy and dull; itching of the nose; short dry cough; grinding of the teeth; starting during sleep; low fever; and often in children, convulsions.



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advantages of a college education for a girl. "Nevertheless, teach her to cook, sew and bake. So few women now-a-days are fitted to become wives and mothers. The higher education ignores domestic obligations, the highest sphere of woman, home, the liberty of advice. There are too many female bread winners in the field as the outcome of the Civil war."

Home is the unit of power. We must not undermine it. We must not take the daughter and mother away from it too much. She cannot enter into the activities of every day life and still have strength for the duties, enjoyment and refinement of the home, and at the same time be there to welcome the son, the daughter and husband. Indeed, the husband and wife both are absent from the home too much, and the children are too often left to seek their enjoyment elsewhere, and have their amusements with others than the mother and father.

Let us keep this pearl, this jewel in the earthly diadem, in its proper place.

I would give woman all the liberty and equality her mature judgment would ask, but I would save her from unnecessary contact with the world, its difficulties, and its comical and political warfare. I think I see in the growth of the women's club in the land and in the federation of these clubs a vantage ground for woman from which she may make her influence felt for civic righteousness; the advancement in education and the arts; the cleanliness of our towns; the opening of parks and the protection of our forests, the sobriety of our people and equal pay for equal services, greater than she could if given the ballot and a more equal voice in business and politics.

We have seen in this paper the powers of married women as to her separate property and the contracts she may enter into, but in the ideal home the separate rights of wife and husband should never arise. There, of all places in the world, should be unity of purpose, desire and effort, not what is mine or thine, but all for each other, and the united family circle, and thus the marital vows will not be severed, the home will be a unit, the happy refuge of all connected with it, the paradise of earth and the Bible injunction will be followed that they twain shall be one flesh.

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A Favorite Remedy for Babies.

Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. Not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack.

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World's Fair News-Notes.

Thirty-five miles of roadway has been constructed within the World's Fair grounds.

Ninety-thousand gallons of water will pour over the three Cascades at the World's Fair every minute.

The biggest searchlight in the world will be seen at the World's Fair. It was recently finished in an electric plant at Lowell, Mass. It weighs nearly four tons, is of 5,250,000 candle power and projects a beam of light seven feet in diameter.

The guides who will operate the push chairs at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition will be selected from the students of universities of the United States. Hundreds of applications have been made. Preference will be given to students working their way through college. Every successful applicant must weigh not less than 140 pounds, must not be less than five feet seven and a half inches tall, and his age must be between 19 and 23 years.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of Imitations

Reforming Her Fiance.

"No, Jack," the young woman said, eluding his arm, "not yet!"

"What's the matter, Lulu?" he asked.

"I haven't said I'd marry you. There's something else to be settled first."

"What is it, sweetheart?"

"Several things. You have habits I cannot tolerate in the man I marry. Jack, do you smoke?"

"Yes; I burn a cigar once in a while."

"You will have to give that up."

"All right, dear. What else?"

"Do you chew tobacco?"

"Not habitually. Once in a great while I take a chew."

"I can't marry a tobacco chewer."

"Well, I'll promise to quit it. Anything else?"

"Yes. Do you drink?"

"Occasionally I take a glass of beer--nothing stronger, upon my word."

"Will you promise to give that up, too?"

"Sure; I don't care anything about it, anyhow."

"Do you play cards?"

"Occasionally, just for fun."

"I can't marry a card player."

"Then I'll cut out the card playing."

"Do you bet on horse races?"

"Sometimes."

"That's just as bad as any other kind of gambling, Jack. You'll have to promise to drop it."

"I promise."

"Do you ever bet on elections?"

"Oh, of course I do that now and then, same as the rest of the--"

"That's not only another form of gambling, but it's against the law."

"Well, I'll quit that, too. And now--"

"Hold on, Jack. Are you in debt?"

"Don't owe a cent to anybody on earth. Does that--"

"Not quite. Wait a minute, Jack. Will you agree to spend your evenings at home?"

"Bless your heart, Lulu, I'll tire you to death staying at home of evenings! So now--"

"No! Not yet, Jack! One thing more. Will you promise to go to church with me every time I ask you to go?"

"Er--yes, I'll promise even that."

With a contented little sigh she laid her head on his broad shoulder.

"How much nicer it is, Jack," she said, to reform a man before marrying him than to try to do it afterward, as so many foolish girls do."--Chicago Tribune.

Thoughtful.

Two men had fallen out of the sixty-fifth story. As they proceeded downward one of them yelled.

"Why do you yell?" asked his companion.

"In order that people may catch us with their cameras," replied the other.

—Detroit Free Press.

Proof.

Madge—Ruyters Kramp, the poet, has made up with his wife again.

Morton—How do you know?

Madge—Why, she reads his poetry now and he eats what she cooks.

In Kentucky.

Ascum—I don't know whether your head over the article about Col. Lushman's death was printed the way you intended, but it was a good one.

City Editor—Let me see. What was it?

Ascum—Has fought his last bottle.

—Philadelphia Press.

His Theory Vindicated.

"Nature," said the traveler who was admiring the view, "is allus superior."

"Dat's what I says," rejoined Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "I neber could see de use of tryin' to build flyin' machines when you kin raise chickens."--Washington Star.

Another One About Golf.

Niblick—So you really enjoy golf?

Bunker—No, I can't say that I care much for it, but I don't like Grivens, and so it's great fun to tear up the turf on his lawn.--Boston Transcript.

A Pertinent Query.

"There's just one thing more I wish to ask," said the visitor at the arsenal. "What is it?" Inquired the officer.

"Does the twelve-inch gun throw a football?"--Judge.

A Better Bargain.

"I thought she was going to marry an English duke."

"No. Her father found a Russian prince that he could get for half the price."--Chicago Record-Herald.

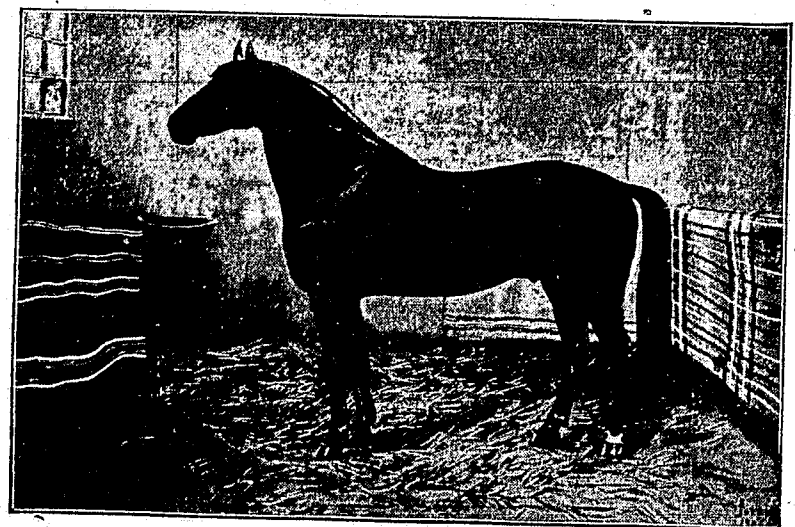
An Axiom Revised.

This life is full of odd deceit--A coat of paint may hide the dirt, And many an honest heart may beat Beneath a jewel-studded shirt.

—Judge.

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Wanted.

A man and his wife to take charge of the Bethel Town farm, to commence April 13, 1904. Apply to the Overseers of the Poor, Bethel, Maine. 3w44

Wanted.

Wanted: Boy to learn bicycle repairing.
EDW. KING,
Bethel, Maine.
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Bar Harbor has appropriated \$500 to buy a cup to be raced for each season, by the crack yachts that come to Maine waters.

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The city of Old Town on Monday elected a Republican mayor and city government. The mayor's plurality was 390.

Do You Want Strength?

If you want to increase your strength you must add to and not take from the physical. In other words, the food that you eat must be digested, assimilated and appropriated by the nerves, blood and tissues, before being expelled from the intestines. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure adds to the physical. It gives strength to and builds up strength in the human system. It is pleasant to the taste and palatable, and the only combination of digestants that will digest the food and enable the system to appropriate all of its health and strength-giving qualities. Sold by G. H. Wiley.

A merger of several manufacturing concerns located in the central part of the country took place the 19th in the incorporation under laws of this State of the National Broom Company with a capital of \$13,000,000. The company is one of the largest ever incorporated under the laws of Maine and the fees amounted to over \$5,000.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box. 25c.

The earthquake which crossed Maine from east to west about 1:04 o'clock on the morning of the 21st, is said to have been the heaviest shock in this State since 1884. No material damage was done by it.

Colds Cause Pneumonia.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by G. R. Wiley.

Reports from all parts of Maine show that our State water powers are once more up to concert pitch, and the mills run by them working full crews on full time.

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GROVER HILL.

The first joyous notes of the robin were heard here the 25th.

L. N. Bartlett was at his Grover Hill farm one day last week.

Milford Browne of Waterford, visited his father and brother in this place recently.

Mr. Long of Newry, visited at Mr. George Spinney's last week.

True Browne has finished teaming for this season.

Martin B. Whitney has completed his winter's work with A. B. Grover, and is calling on old friends and acquaintances before returning to Lancaster, N. H.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

Suitor—Will you give me your daughter's hand, sir?

Mr. Candid—Certainly; I shall be very glad to get rid of it, for it's always in my pocket.

The Bates College debaters won in the debate with Trinity College at Hartford, Ct., on the 18th.

CASTORIA.

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Skowhegan, Camden and Houlton have voted against becoming cities this spring.

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Fancies at Recent Weddings.

The four pages who bore the bride's train at an elaborate wedding the other day wore white cloth suits with knee breeches, flowered silk waistcoats and lace jabots. The bride's gifts to them were diamond initial pins. The four bridesmaids were little girls all in white Empire dresses, white silk pompadour coats, lace trimmed with feathers and pale pink ruchings. The bridegroom's presents to them were platinum necklaces with diamond pendants.

The bridesmaids at another wedding recently wore Empire frocks of white silk muslin with quaintly draped fichus and long Empire coats of pale blue cloth, with revers and capes of white satin slashed with blue. Their hats were of the picture order in pale blue. They carried clusters of cerise carnations.

Another group of bridesmaids were attired in ivory tinted mousseline de sole, trimmed with insertion and chenille. Their hats were of brown beaver and chenille, garnished with shaded autumn leaves.

The six bridesmaids at an out of town wedding were all girls between the ages of 13 and 16. Their costumes consisted of turquoise blue coats and skirts, with ivory crepe de chine waistcoats, collars edged with beaver fur and ivory beaver felt picture hats. They carried bouquets of pink carnations and cream roses.

Becoming Hints for Shades.

The popularity of violet luncheons and dinners lies possibly in the fact that no color is more softening and becoming in combination with gas and candle light. Hostesses giving dinners should consider the effect of the complexion of the color selected for the decorations. Beautiful as yellow is in candle shades, flowers and embroidery, it needs toning to take away a certain brassy effect on the skin. Green also should not be the color through which light passes directly on a woman's face.—Harper's Bazar.

Louise for Blouses.

A few well linen or madras shirt waists the European tourist may tuck into her trunk for the sake of freshness and coolness, but she will need serviceable dark blouses for general wear. Louise is liked more than taffeta for this season's silk blouse, but it has many other silken rivals and some of the silk and linen mixtures in dark colors are wonderfully lovely.

HABIT OF BATHING

Physicians Argue as to Value. Some say it is very good, Others say it is not.

An energetic protest against too much bathing was made by Dr. J. D. Robertson before a Chicago medical society the other day. The hot bath and the dry rub, in Dr. Robertson's opinion, are highly injurious and conduce to disease rather than to health. They remove the natural protection of the skin, or "false" skin, bring the blood to the surface, thus depriving the internal organs of nourishment, and, by establishing conditions of heat and moisture, encourage the growth of bacteria.

Another physician present, while disputing Dr. Robertson's assertion that human beings would have better health if they did not bathe at all, admitted that bathing, like all other good things, might be overdone. He did not think it necessary, for example, for the average person to bathe every day, especially in cold weather. He thought a good bath about once a month would be enough for the average man.

There is no doubt that the bath may be abused. It requires no medical knowledge to reach that conclusion. The man who takes, for example, a very hot bath and goes out into the cold is in danger of pneumonia. He is likely to get a bad cold if he does anything except go to bed at once and stay there until morning, or for several hours.

Again, a cold plunge every morning is too strong a tonic for many systems. Once more, persons who perspire very freely, if they provide themselves with plenty of clean clothing, do not need to bathe so often as those whose perspiration is scant. Nature has washed their skins, and what they need to do is to remove the stale water.

In fact the judgment of common sense and practical experience is that no universal rule for bathing, any more than for other points of purely personal conduct, can be laid down. Every one should determine for himself what is best for his own health, by reasonable experiment and careful observation, with due respect to the feelings of those with whom he lives.

In calling attention to the fact that no universal rule exists, Dr. Robertson may perform a useful service. Even the extravagance of his assertions may be enough to call the attention of some to the fact that they are, in a sense, "washing their lives away," and that they would feel better, have less use for doctors and live longer if they did not bathe so much.

The number of people who bathe too much is, however, very much smaller than the number of those who do not bathe enough. Therefore, Dr. Robertson's mission to the excessive bathers, while not without some merit, must be regarded as rather limited in scope and importance.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Baked Fruit.

The difference between apple sauce stewed quickly over the fire and that baked slowly for several hours in a moderate oven is so great that one could easily believe that different fruits had been used. Each method, if carefully followed, produces a delicious result, and while some persons have a strong preference for one or the other, to my mind it is difficult to decide which is the better way. Therefore, it is well to use both methods, cooking the first apples that come in midsummer by stewing, the later, when the cool days of early autumn make a fire less objectionable, trying the baking.

The dish for baking is as important as that for beans baked properly, and also for Indian puddings, and should be the same in style and material. Cut the fruit (and you may use in this way any kind of apples or pears which are too green or hard to use uncooked) into quarters, then remove the cores and skins. Allow one cup of sugar and one-half cup of water to two quarts of fruit. The amount will vary with different apples, and it is important not to use too much sugar, for the long cooking seems to develop the natural sweetness of the fruit. Cover them closely and cook in a slow oven four or five hours, or until they have a deep rich red color. If they cook too fast the steam will cause them to burst and run over the edge and result in a mushy sauce, but a moderate heat, long continued, will leave each quarter distinct in the clear syrup. Let it cool in the pan, turn it out without any stirring of the fruit. This may be poured at once into sterilized jars and sealed the same as canned fruit, if you are not likely to use it all soon. As a sauce for a breakfast or dinner it is acceptable; with cream and hot biscuit for supper it is delicious, and as a filling for pastry shells it is convenient.—Home Science Magazine.

Useful Household Hints.

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